

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 692, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF VANILLA EXTRACT.

On or about February 21, 1910, R. C. Williams & Co., a corporation, New York City, shipped from the State of New York to the State of Michigan a quantity of a food product contained in bottles labeled "Slightly Colored with Burnt Sugar. Berwick XXX Pure Flavoring Extracts Vanilla. Manufactured by R. C. Williams & Co., 56, 58 & 60 Hudson St., New York." Samples of this shipment were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as the findings of the analyst and report thereon indicated that the product was misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the said R. C. Williams & Co. and the party from whom the samples were procured were afforded opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the said shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York against the said R. C. Williams & Co., charging the above shipment, and alleging that the product so shipped was misbranded, in that the label above set forth was such as to mislead the purchaser into the belief that the contents of said bottles were pure vanilla extract, whereas in truth and in fact it was a dilute extract, artificially colored in a manner whereby its inferiority was concealed.

On October 4, 1910, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the above information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 2, 1910.

